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Subject: Concerns regarding actions by Lard Oil Group in connection with Lard Oil Spill in Denham Springs
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Dear On-Scene Coordinator Smalley-

I currently represent homeowners and/or residents of approximately 13 residences in the area of the Lard Oil Spill in Denham Springs, Louisiana.

I would like to let you know, on behalf of my clients, of concerns about the actions of Lard Oil Group official Johnny Milazzo. Mr. Milazzo did not have a business card during my first encounter with him and would only provide a telephone number so I do know what his official Lard Oil title is. He is shown as an officer of Lard Oil Company and an officer of what appear to be affiliated companies in various filings with the Louisiana Secretary of State.

It has been reported to me that Mr. Milazzo and/or PPM have arrived at residences in the affected area to engage residents in close proximity and time to visits by you and your contractors. This has apparently created the incorrect impression that Mr. Milazzo, Lard Oil, and PPM are part of the EPA activities in the affected area and this has resulted in distrust with some of the residents in the area.

On one occasion, Mr. Milazzo argued with me in the presence of a homeowner that the spill was not his fault but was caused entirely by the recent flood event. As this appeared to me to be bullying of the homeowner, I told Mr. Milazzo that we would not discuss such matters and I suggested that he leave the residence.

On another occasion, Mr. Milazzo told one of my clients that she had only "a little oil" on her property in order to convince her that the spill was not a big deal. In addition, Mr. Milazzo indicated while speaking with my client that he "owns the them" in reference to you personally as you were in the vicinity. I learned of this just this past Friday.

Just this past weekend, I was contacted by a client-homeowner in the area who described additional misleading and inflammatory statements concerning myself and the EPA made by Mr. Milazzo.

As of this morning, the EPA web site indicates that "Lard Oil Co. is cleaning up the oil under EPA supervision and work is continuing. ". See, <https://www.epa.gov/la/lard-oil-company-spill-denham-springs-louisiana> Thus, I am reaching out to you. I believe Mr. Milazzo's actions need to be curtailed and a thorough review of PPM's actions needs to be undertaken.

In closing, I am requesting that Mr. Milazzo's engagement with homeowners in the affected area be given clear parameters and that PPM's actions be reviewed and any measures deemed appropriate be taken. This will facilitate trust in the EPA's much needed and helpful efforts in the spill area.

Thank you,

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